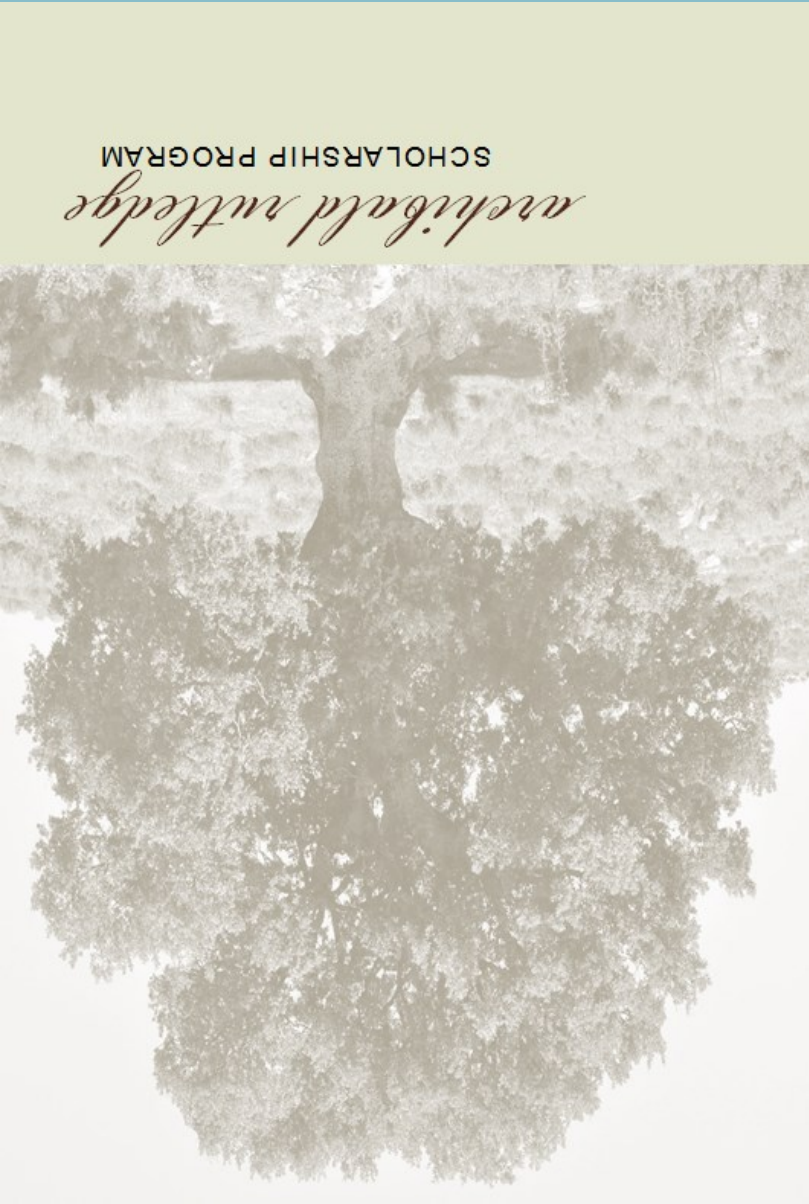


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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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What Is It?

The Archibald Rutledge Scholarship program, named for South Carolina’s first poet laureate, offers twelfth-grade students (enrolled in a public school in South Carolina) the opportunity to compete for a scholarship in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts as well as encourages and recognizes academic and artistic excellence among South Carolina students.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must currently be enrolled in the twelfth grade in a public school in South Carolina.
- Students must plan to attend a South Carolina college or university.
- Students must be a U.S. citizen and have attended public school in South Carolina for the past two years.
- Students may only apply for one scholarship.
- Entries produced in collaboration with others are not eligible for this competition.
- A panel of professionals in each of the five arts disciplines will select a recipient. The decision of the judges is final.
- Students may compete in one arts area.
- Compositions/artworks and process-folios each count 50 percent towards the total score.
- Do not place your name or other identifying information on the original work or copies of the original work, including process-folio and reflection statement.

FAQ's ?

When does the program begin? Applications will be available online in August 2016. All entries must be postmarked on or before Monday, February 6, 2017. Entries will not be accepted after the deadline. Entries must be created during the 2016-17 school year.

How does a student apply? Students interested in applying for this scholarship must consult their school arts teacher or guidance department. One entry can be submitted per student and per arts discipline based on the number of students enrolled in the senior class at your school. Original compositions, process-folios, and other required documentation in one of the five arts disciplines (creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts) must be mailed or delivered to the South Carolina Department of Education for review.

How will the students be recognized? Five scholarships (approximately \$2,000 each) will be awarded in May 2016. The South Carolina Department of Education will make the necessary arrangements to transfer the scholarship funds directly to the South Carolina college or university of the student's choice. Students planning to attend an out of state college or university are ineligible to apply. The recipients may also be recognized by their local schools/school districts.

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How Do Students Apply?

Eligible and interested students apply through their guidance department between December 2016 and February 6, 2017. For more information, contact your school’s guidance department or Carrie Ann Power, Education Associate for the Visual and Performing Arts 803-734-0323 or cpower@ed.sc.gov.

General Composition Criteria

Creative Writing—An entry is defined as an original composition in the form of a sonnet, lyric, or narrative poem. The composition must originate from the applicant and should not exceed two double-spaced pages in length.

Dance—An entry is defined as an original dance composition of three to ten minutes in length composed for solo or ensemble dancers in any appropriate movement style, originated by the applicant.

Music—An entry is defined as an original music composition of three to ten minutes for solo or small ensemble (recommended no more than five parts), vocal, or instrumental in any appropriate style, originated by the applicant.

Theatre—An entry is defined as an original short, one-act play with a performing time of eight to fifteen minutes, originated by the applicant.

Visual Arts—All entries must be original and not copied from master artworks or comics. Two-dimensional work such as drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, and collage will be accepted.